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TO: MEXI	INFO	CITE DIR 88863	
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1. IN ADDITION TO REFERENCE REPORT, FBIS REPORT OF 11 DECEMBER SAYS TELLO, IN INTERVIEW WITH NOVEDADES, CRITICIZED OAS CLAIMING IT IN STATE OF CRISIS AND THAT CUBA'S EXCLUSION FROM OAS IS VIOLATION OF CHARTER. THESE REPORTS SUGGEST TELLO DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING PRE-ESTABLISH MEXICAN POLICY WITH REGARD CENSURE ACTION AGAINST CUBA. IN VIEW IMPORTANCE MEXICAN POSITION THIS RESPECT, THESE REPORTS MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN HERE AND IT FELT NECESSARY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION COUNTER TELLO TACTICS IN WAY THAT WILL RESULT IN MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR STRONGER OAS ACTION.

2. HEADQUARTERS HAS CONVINCING INTELLIGENCE FROM VENEZUELAN SOURCES AS WELL AS OUR OWN WHICH SHOWS CONCLUSIVELY THAT ARMS DISCOVERED IN VENEZUELA ARE DISTINCTLY CUBAN. A NUMBER OF WEAPONS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR CUBAN ARMY. ARMS DISCOVERED IN GENERAL WERE OF A TYPE AND IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO SUPPORT PLAN FOR TAKE-OVER OF CAPITAL CITY OF CARACAS. THEIR APPEARANCE IN VENEZUELA TIES IN SPECIFICALLY WITH KNOWN FALN PLANS WITH REGARD TO LOCATION AND TIMING. THE LATTER SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TAKEN FROM CAPTURED FALN MEMBERS

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NOT YET SURFACED BY VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. SOME INFORMATION CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION FOR VISUAL PRESENTATION WILL BE SENT SOON BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

3. HEADQUARTERS' REQUESTS THIS INFORMATION BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF LITENSOR IN MANNER CONVINCE THE MEXICAN GOVT OF CURRENT STATE IN VENEZUELAN TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES. TO MAXIMIZE EFFECT IT FEEL THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO VENEZUELAN SOURCES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. ADVISE IF YOU SEE COMPLICATIONS THIS APPROACH AND DO NOT HESITATE SUGGEST OTHER ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKING TO REVERSE THESE EVENTS.

5. DRAFT OF THIS MESSAGE WAS SHOWN TO MR. MANN.

END OF MESSAGE

Re: the Mexican position on the embargo of Cuba. The OAS is fact.

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